

**Madison County  
Commissioners' Work Session Meeting**

March 9, 2026, 10:00 am Mountain Time until concluded  
103 W Wallace St, Virginia City, MT 59755, United States  
First Floor Public Meeting Room  
Administrative Office Building, Virginia City, Montana

**Present:**

Duke W. Gilman, Commissioner, District 1  
Ron E. Nye, Commissioner, District 2, Chairman  
William A. Todd, Commissioner, District 3

**In attendance:**

Ryan Wolter, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection  
Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' / Airport Assistant, was present to take minutes

**Attendee List:**

Ray Rowberry, Road Supervisor  
Joe Brummell, DES  
Dave Blank, Madison County Senior Bus Driver  
Colton Lauer, Madison County Attorney  
Brett Schriock, IT Director  
Becky DeBoer

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**

**2. Public Comment (Please Limit to 5 Minutes Per Person)**

None

**3. Report of Committees**

**3.1. Madison County Courthouse Rehabilitation and Addition**

The Commissioners deliberated on the necessity of relocating items from the Courthouse and securing a safe, dry location for their storage.

**3.2. Nursing Home Update**

Christine Preece, the Nursing Home Administrator of Madison County, participated via WebEx to provide an update regarding the resident census at both facilities and the recent referrals received. Additionally, she informed the Commissioners that Ruby Valley Medical Center requires an occupational therapist; once the necessary personnel are secured, the nursing home will be able to admit residents requiring occupational therapy services.

Becky DeBoer asked about the survey status at the nursing homes and mentioned that they should interview former employees.

Commissioner Gimán stated that the survey firm is conducting individual interviews with participants.

Comment: DeBoer and Preece(WebEx). Discussion: Commissioner Gilman.

#### **4. Unfinished Business**

None

#### **5. New Business**

##### **5.1. DES Vehicle and Trailers**

Joe Brummell from Madison County DES discussed donating an old 1973 bread van vehicle no longer in use by the county to the fire department for training purposes.

Colton Lauer, Madison County Attorney, stated that this must be done by resolution.

Comment: Brummell and Lauer. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

##### **5.2. LEPC New Bylaws**

Joe Brummell from Madison County DES has reviewed the new LEPC bylaws. The matter will be presented for approval at the upcoming regular commissioner meeting scheduled for next week.

Comment: Brummell. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

##### **5.3. Purchase of Vehicle for the Senior Citizens**

Dave Blank, the senior bus driver for Madison County, attended the meeting to discuss acquiring a used vehicle for his department's transportation needs for senior appointments. The Commissioners reviewed the senior citizens' budget and concluded that the department had enough funds for a new vehicle with a warranty, and it would be safer and more dependable.

Comment: Blank. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

##### **5.4. Mag Chloride Discussion**

Ray Rowberry, the Road Supervisor for Madison County, has come to discuss the bidding process for Magnesium Chloride once again, similar to the procedure followed by the county last year. This matter will be addressed at the upcoming regular Commissioner meeting scheduled for next week.

Comment: Rowberry. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

### 5.5. County Phone Number Discussion

Brett Schriock, the IT Director of Madison County, explained that the inability to forward Madison County phone numbers to the new telephone service provider was due to restrictions imposed by the FCC.

This will be included on tomorrow's agenda for approval to dispatch county mailers containing the county's new numbers to all residents.

Comment: Schriock. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Nye, and Commissioner Gilman.

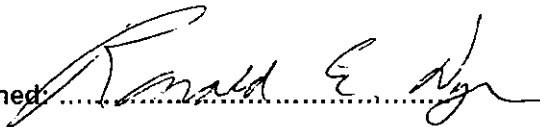
### Adjournment

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, and William Todd. Motion passed.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.

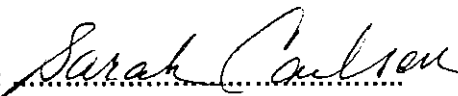
The upcoming Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Signed: 

Date: 3/17/2026

Ronald E. Nye, Commissioner, Chairman


Date Approved: March 17, 2026

Signed: 

Date: 3/17/2026

Minutes prepared by:

Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' / Airport Assistant

Attest: 

Date: 3/17/26

Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County

